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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 7, 2006, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 12 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks begin on page 13 of this paper.

An Appendix, including a substitute specification both as a version showing changes and as a clean version, and also amended drawing figures, is attached following the signature page of this paper.